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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 1824

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, XF, ENRG  
SUBJECT: ISLAMIC OIL BOYCOTT OF PHILLIPINES

REF: MANILA 4591, (B) KUWAIT 1338 (NOTAL)

1. POSSIBILITY OF KUWAIT'S CEASING OIL SALES TO PHILIPPINES  
BECAUSE OF HEAVY FIGHTING HAD RESUMED WITH MUSLIM REBELS IN  
MINDANAO STRIKES US AS REMOTE. KUWAIT IS NOT LIBYA. KUWAIT  
DID NOT RESPOND POSITIVELY TO RECENT MORO LIBERATION FRONT  
CABLE REQUESTING THAT IT NOT SELL OIL TO PHILIPPINES  
(REF B). WE UNDERSTAND FROM OTHER REPORTING THAT MORO  
LIBERATION FRONT DELEGATION WHICH CAME HERE IN MID-MARCH  
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WAS GIVEN LOW-LEVEL TREATMENT BY KUWAITIS.

2. RECENT COVERSACTIONS WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE KUWAIT OIL  
MINISTRY OFFICIALS LEAD US TO BELIEVE THAT GOK SEES  
OIL SALES TO PHILIPPINES PRIMARILY FROM COMMERCIAL VIEW-  
POINT. JUST AS NO FAVORS HAVE BEEN OFFERED TO PHILIPPINE  
GOVERNMENT. KUWAIT OIL MINISTRY HAS NOT GIVEN PHILIPPINES

DISCOUNT ON OIL IT REQUESTED, AND WE BELIEVE IT HAS  
NO INTENTIONS OF DOING SO.

3. WE DOUBT KUWAIT, WHOSE HIGH SULFUR OIL IS SOMEWHAT A  
DRUG ON THE MARKET, WOULD REFRAIN FROM SELLING OIL TO  
PHILIPPINES UNLESS THE ARAB LEAGUE PASSED A FORMAL BOYCOTT  
RESOLUTION AGAINST GOP AND ALL ARAB STATES COMPLIED WITH  
IT. OIL BOYCOTT IS ARAB'S ULTIMATE ECONOMIC WEAPON.  
KUWAITIS ARE UNLIKELY TO USE IT LIGHTLY ON MATTERS WHICH  
THEY CONSIDER PERIPHERAL. FINALLY, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT  
KUWAIT IS RELATIVELY MINOR SOURCE OF SUPPLY, HAVING  
PROVIDED 1.8 MILLION METRIC TONS OF CRUDE TO PHILIPPINES  
IN 1975, LAST YEAR FOR WHICH STATISTICS ON THIS SUBJECT  
ARE AVAILABLE.  
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